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what they wanted to know was whether they could pass these by-laws, if they did pass them, whether they would stand good in accordance with the Act. He thought that was all they wanted to know from the Attorney-General. If the opinion had not been received, as there was no business of importance, he saw no objection in passing today except to adjourn. If the opinion had not been received, and if there was no business of importance, he would propose an adjournment.

The Chairman said he certainly did not understand, when the meeting broke up last Thursday, that it was to be held in a whole week for the purpose of discussing what particular way the Attorney-General should be consulted. In conjunction with McCrow, he had drafted a letter which had been sent to the Attorney-General for his opinion, which latter you will hear read just now.

The Surveyor-General—No answer has come to that letter!

The Chairman—No.

THE BURIAL OF ANIMAL CARCASSES AT SEA.

The following letter from the Colonial Secretary on this subject was read:

"With reference to your letter No. 94 of the 11th inst. and to previous correspondence on the subject of the burial of animal carcasses at sea, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that his Excellency has been pleased to approve of the recommendations of the Sanitary Board contained in your letter No. 76 of the 19th ult., viz. (1) that the stomach and lungs be thoroughly opened, (2) that the carcass be taken at least one mile outside of Green Island, (3) that granite weights be tied to the necks of the carcasses."

The Superintendent of Police indicated that he decidedly objected to the practice of taking carcasses out to sea. Other members seemed to be of this opinion and there seemed a desire to talk on the matter. The Chairman said there was no danger in the practice, and that it had been approved by Dr. Cantlie and Dr. Mansson, who had suggested that the stomach and lungs be thoroughly opened. As the Board could not now discuss the matter it dropped.

THE PUBLICATION OF MORTALITY RETURNS.

The following letter from the Colonial Secretary was read:

"With reference to your letter No. 96 of the 13th inst. and its enclosure, I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint you for the information of the Sanitary Board that His Excellency has been pleased to direct that the death returns referred to therein shall be published only once a month in the *Gazette* instead of weekly as heretofore."

Mr Francis said he had never heard an expression of opinion at the Board on this subject and asked by whom authority the letter was written to which the above letter was addressed.

The Secretary explained that the letter No. 96 of the 13th inst. referred to was the usual formal cover sent along with the weekly statistics which had to receive the sanction of the Governor before insertion in the *Gazette*. The Colonial Secretary's letter simply contained an order on the part of the Government. No expression of opinion on the subject was given in any letter from the Board.

A HIGH-CLASS PORTUGUESE.

The following unique letter, sent to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board by one of the employees, was read:

"Humble petition of E. M. Xavier, watchman, slaughter houses, sheweth—That your petitioner begs your honour of attending to his known desire, holding a label in your attached coat sleeve of your order on behalf of Governor; and your petitioner does not wish to contemplate the new Ordinance, he further begs to tender his resignation in the event of your honour may excuse him of such using. I dedicated to the petition was a note by the Secretary to the following effect:—

"Your petitioner does not care about wearing the uniform provided by the Government for detachment at slaughter houses, cattle depots &c., and he refuses to wear the badge on the left arm. Inscription of this kind cannot be tolerated, and I would suggest that his resignation be submitted to the Governor."

The Chairman said the petitioner objected to the badge of the crown on the sleeve. They must have some uniform and some mark of distinction and they could not permit such insubordination.

It was agreed that the resignation of the petitioner should be submitted to the Government.

THE LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The following letter to the Attorney General was read:

"(1) I am directed by the President of the Sanitary Board to transmit to you the enclosed printed draft by-laws relating to house drainage which the Board proposes to prepare under sub-sections 1 and 3 section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 for admission in due course to the Governor in Council, and to enquire whether in the opinion of the Governor the Board may not legally make the sub-section referred to make by-laws that will apply as well to all drains on existing buildings as to proposed drains in new buildings.

"(2) I am instructed to explain that the reason I am to submit this question is that at the last meeting of the Board two members expressed the opinion that under sub-section 1 of section 3 of the Ordinance the Board had no power to prepare by-laws for the remedying of defective drains in old or existing buildings, and that the power conferred under that sub-section must be interpreted as applying solely to the making of by-laws for new drains built after the passing of the ordinance.

"(3) These gentlemen further laid it down that the Board had no power to deal with old or existing drains other than that derived under section 50 of the Ordinance.

"(4) On the other hand the majority of the Board held that under subsection 1 of section 13 the Board also has power to make by-laws for the effective construction, trapping, ventilating and maintenance of bad drains in old or existing buildings as well as new drains in new buildings, and that it was only by means of such by-laws so made that the Board could satisfy at any length the need of those required improvements of existing drains in old buildings which section 50 allows to, but which it does not set forth in detail, because such details were purposely left to the by-laws.

"(5) In conclusion I am to point out that if we found that the Board had no power to prepare by-laws for the remedying of existing bad drains one of the main objects of the Ordinance would be at once defeated, and it is this that makes the matter so serious.

Mr Francis—I do not think that letter should have been drafted or sent in. At one point it gives a misleading view of my friend's and my objections.

The Chairman—Your protest will go in. Mr Francis—it will be a little late to go in now.

The Chairman—It has only now been received.

The Superintendent of Police (translating)—I beg to move that this Board adjourn to this day fortnight. My reason for doing so is that if a meeting is required the President has power to call it, although in deference to my learned friend's opinion it seems that although he had power to call a meeting he had no power to postpone it.

The Surveyor-General assented, and the motion was carried with one.

AN HOUR WITH THE CHINESE. ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GARRISON THEATRE.

Last night one of the best of the weekly entertainments, which have been organised by the Rev. B. Wommacon, the popular Garrison Chaplain, was given in the Garrison Theatre. Both from its novel interest and the enthusiastic reception it received, it deserved more than a mere passing notice.

The theatre it is needless to say was crowded in every corner, and the windows were besieged by large numbers who could not get admittance. The entertainment was styled 'An hour with the Chinese' and was under the direction of the Professor of Chinese, Mr. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Storer, Esq., president, and introduced the Director of the exhibition, who he said, really required no introduction as he was well known to the Garrison. Mr. Stewart Lockhart then explained to the audience that his object was to give an entertainment showing a few of the amusements of the Chinese, which might be seen by any one who chose to pay a visit to the Chinese Recreation Ground, and to show that the native inhabitants of this Colony had as good an idea of how to enjoy themselves as the other residents in it.

The first item in the programme was an overture by the Chinese Band which won the prize at the Hongkong Jubilee, kindly lent for the occasion by the Chinese Amateur Musical Society, the Man Ku Lau, of which Inspector Quincey is a member. The 'Director' stated that the band of the Steelbacks had received important hints on the subject of harmony from the band of the Man Ku Lau—a statement which he felt would be substantiated by Tom Sayers, the bugler.

Mr Stewart Lockhart, the leader of the Chinese Band, was the well-known and the 'Odeon of Longevity' by the Eight Genii. It is a genuinely classed composition, the master-piece of the Chinese Beethoven, and is calculated to move the feelings of the most impassive. One might be tempted to suspect that classical was a more appropriate description of the music than classical, but then we Westerners have not been educated up to it and cannot be good judges. The second item was a Chinese theatrical representation, which was of a very simple nature. A man came forward in a magnificent embroidered dress, kindly lent by the lessee of the Ko Shing theatre. As of course the actor could not make himself intelligible to the audience by speech, all that he did was to show off his dress and give the spectators an idea of how Chinese artists comport themselves on the stage. By signs and gestures he made it understood that he wished all loyly protection and had a presentation that some of them were destined to be commissioned officers, while many of them, he was sure, would reach the highest rank among the non-commissioned officers. After the 'theatrical' a wiry Celestial stepped on the boards and gave a specimen of Chinese boxing. The boxing differed totally from the approved European style. The boxer on this occasion had no opponent. What he did was simply to go through the movements, which were accompanied by interjections, doubtless appropriate Chinese, boxes do not content themselves with dealing blows with their fists. The feet play as important a role, and we are sure that if any opponent had received one or two of the blows from behind that were spent in the air last night, he would not have solicited a repetition. After twisting himself into all sorts of shapes and exercising his legs and arms well, the Celestial Tom Sayers took a large trident and went through somewhat the same manoeuvres with it. The brave pestil expressed his willingness to meet any of the men from Sergeant Mill's detachment, and gave his address as No. 3 Tunglochan, but there did not seem any desire to tackle him in his own line. The fourth on the programme was a solo entitled 'The Widow's Lament.' The singer was accompanied on the flute by two Chinese boxers, and the pathos of which was of course beautifully expressed in the high falsetto of the soloist. It depicts the sorrows of a widow for her husband, who died and left her inconsolable. Then there followed an exhibition of Chinese juggling, which was very cleverly done.

The juggler showed a fan to the audience, all that he did was to turn it round and round, and then he turned it round and round again, as though it was a good gno, as there are not many better able to work on such matters, few would have been able to carry away and retain definite ideas on the matter. By giving his audience an object lesson as conveyed to them in a manner he could not otherwise have done, a conception of a part at least of native life.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Stewart Lockhart, which was carried with unanimous acclamation. Mr. Lockhart, in reply, said that if the performance had affected as much pleasure to the audience as to the performers, all nation would be satisfied. Speaking for himself he could only say that the military had given him much pleasure and enjoyment during his residence in the East, and that any part he had taken in the entertainment was only paying back in a very slight degree, a part of the pleasure he had received.

which of them he loved best. The Chinese man of wisdom replied that the fair one had the largest share of the heart, and Tommy danced away saying 'Right ye are, Joey'. A voice from the audience demanded to know when the Regiment was going to shift, but this proved too deep a question for the Chinese professor. A second voice advised a 'shim' to ask if he liked 'dull', to which came the reply—'Yes, but you are a duller for asking,' an answer which like most of the others had a suspicious look of not only being translated but invented by the 'Director'. An extra item was added to the programme to show off the skill of a man armed with a sharp sword, who lacked with great force at his arm without doing any injury to it. This was passed around among the spectators, none of whom had any suspicion of manipulation. The swords were of course, hit with loud applause especially Miss Whiteford's hornpipes. 'The Tramp' will be repeated to-night, and we are glad to see 'The Bohemian Girl' announced for Saturday.

THE RECENT FIRE IN SECOND STREET.

An inquiry was held at the Magistracy this afternoon before Mr. Wedderburn, a jury into the death of two men whose remains were found in the ruins of the recent fire in Second Street. The jury were—Messrs A. G. Gordon, J. Myer, and A. G. Botello.

Chief Clerk P. O. 263, said—On the 23rd instant at 6.10 a.m. I was just coming on duty when I saw the fire had broken out in the house at 138 Second Street. The house was burning at the ground floor. I saw a woman running down the stairs to the street immediately ran to the station and made a report. I arrived at the station at 6.15 a.m. and reported to the inspector who informed me the inspector.

Inspector Simanton—I got the information all right.

8.—In the course of the investigation I discovered a fraud which no doubt had been going on for some years whereby the owner of property not only made a return to me of the front he said he received, which, I regret to say that I believe to be about half of what he actually did collect, but he collected taxes from his Tenants by producing to them an authority purporting to emanate from the Colonial Treasury demanding taxes based on a rental even greater than the amount he was entitled to receive.

9.—A very considerable portion of my time allotted for the General Assessment is spent in investigating the tenures made by the Chinese of the land.

10.—In conclusion I beg to state that I believe the recent prosecutions have had a wholesome effect on the Chinese in making them see that they can no longer, with impunity and without great risk of being very heavily fined, make false returns of their rents to the Assessment Department.

11.—The amount of fines, &c., viz. £4,375, will more than pay the entire cost of my Department this year, for which a sum of £3,093 was provided in the Estimate. We have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

general in this Colony is still on the increase. District No. 1 at the West End of the City has considerably increased in value, as has also the number of new buildings outside the Station and the Japanese attempted to take the sows and other tools from the Chinamen, but did not succeed. Inspector Cameron went to the Japanese Consul while the riot was going on and asked him to send an official or go himself to reduce his demands to 10 per cent. The Will Distric, (Vic on Park) was also considerably increased in value since the last Assessment, and likewise Kowloon Point mostly on account of the extensive Gowans which are being erected generally arriving about this time from the English Settlement, the sailors quickly scattered. Some men were at work at a new building outside the Station and the Japanese attempted to take the sows and other tools from the Chinamen, but did not succeed. 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